Study of Communities Claiming ST Status

1168. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be please to state:

(a) whether Government have in-house expertise to study various communities who claim tribal status;

(b) if so, what are the institutes which Government turn to for studies and surveys on communities seeking Scheduled Tribe status, alongwith details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that in-house research has been slow and tardy; and

(d) what alternatives does his Ministry have to get full data on any community seeking ST status?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Modalities approved by the Govt. envisage consultation with the State Govt. concerned, the Registrar General of India and the National Commission for SCs and STs.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Wherever required the Govt. also consults the Anthropological Survey of India in the matter.

Misappropriation of Funds Meant for Tribal Development

†1169. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Madhya Pradesh has been misappropriating the funds provided by the Centre for tribal development for the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps being taken by the Central Government for preventing this;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) whether the State Government will be compelled to provide miasppropriated amount for tribal areas from its budget; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) The State Government have not submitted the utilization certificates in respect of most of the schemes for which grants were released during 1997-98 and 1998-99. Also they have not submitted proposals for the year 1999-2000.

(c) to (e) After visit of Secretary, Tribal Affairs to the State of Madhya Pradesh, instructions have been issued to tone up the administrative machinery with stringent monitoring for better implementation of tribal welfare schemes.

Award of Tenders for Repair Work in Kalibari, New Delhi

1170. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tenders awarded by the CPWD authorities, Kalibari, New Delhi to the contractors for repairing/maintenance of Government Quarters of J-Block/H-Block;

(b) the details of work awarded;

(c) whether it is a fact that recently tender for repair of pillar work has been given but the work has not been done by the contractor satisfactorily due to negligence of the CPWD officials and other work remains incomplete which is loss to the exchequer; and

(d) if so, the action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) Yes, Sir. Twenty three tenders have been awarded till date during the year 1999-2000.

(b) List attached as statement (*See* below).

(c) The repair work has been done satisfactorily.

(d) Question does not arise.